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Dear Deoter Burke,

This letter represents a group of thirty five black teachers from the Essex County Vocational School System.

Last night, October 17, 1980, Ralph Caputo, a former Assistant Superintendent of our school system, held a "Civil rights defense dinner" to help defray his legal expenses to be reinstated into our school system in the capacity of an assistant superintendent.

We are of the opinion, Mr. Caputo represents an atrocity upon our educational system. He was politically appointed by our former Essex County Supervisor, Mr. Philip Rotondo. Mr. Caputo has complained about the political appointments he was forced to make, yet he himself was appointed via the merits of politics. Check his background, he was an elementary school teacher in Newark who served as an assemblyman and used this political power base to rise to assistant superintendent of our school system. He castigted the Newark School System with the "Caputo Report". Please do not reinstate him to the Essex County Vocational School System.

Our school system is comprised of approximately 65% Black Students, yet we have no Black Administrator in central office. How are our Black Children going to identify without one Black Administrator in central office? Do not appoint him singularly or as a compromise with an appointment of a Black Administrator.

Sincerely,

Coalition of Black Teachers

c.c Honorable Mrs. Garvin

c.c Senator Lippman

c.c Mr. Shapiro



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